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EXEMPTION FOR INDIA

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11. (U) On August 12, ECONOFF delivered ref demarche to Dr. Kristof Horvath, Department Head for Nuclear and Radioactive Materials at the Hungarian Atomic Energy Authority (HAEA), and Mark Horvath, Department for Security Policy and Non-Proliferation at the MFA. Kristof Horvath and Hungarian PermRep will represent the GOH in the August 21-22 plenary in Vienna.

12. (U) The GOH expressed general support for the U.S.-drafted exemption and said that while concerned that India had not yet joined the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Hungary would not impose any conditions on its support. A statement by the PermRep likely will mention this concern, but HAEA has promised to consider U.S. points (ref) in drafting the Hungarian comments. The MFA noted our "ambitious" timeline and highlighted Austria as one of the major hurdles to the talks. Our interlocutors also noted that Hungary is currently a member of the troika and will assume the NSG Presidency beginning with the next ordinary plenary.

13. (U) Per unclass e-mail on August 11, Embassy Budapest POCs are: Mike Hurley, HurleyMJ@state.gov, Public Affairs and Aspen Russell, RussellAH@state.gov, Pol-Econ.
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